



## OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Juan Ortiz, Director  
Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

**DATE:** October 28, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Staff Response to Resolution to Welcome Afghan Refugees to Austin  
(No. 20210826-109)

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On August 26, 2021, Austin City Council passed Resolution No. [20210826-109](#) affirming the City of Austin's commitment to welcoming refugees from Afghanistan and directing the City Manager to coordinate any necessary response to help in resettlement.

Staff provided a status update via email to Mayor and Council on August 27, 2021 of actions taken to date. This memo is to follow up and confirm that staff remains active in helping in the resettlement of Afghan refugees.

The City of Austin works with several partner departments and outside groups to coordinate this process and provide needed services. Contact information and a list of supplies available through our Emergency Operations Center has been made available to non-profit organizations serving Afghan refugees.

The City is honored to welcome refugees to our community, and we will continue efforts to help provide them with the resources they need. While this work will remain ongoing, staff will be closing out this item. Please contact Juan Ortiz, Director Emergency Management and Homeland Security at [juan.ortiz@austintexas.gov](mailto:juan.ortiz@austintexas.gov) should you have any additional questions.

**CC:** Spencer Cronk, City Manager  
CMO Executive Team